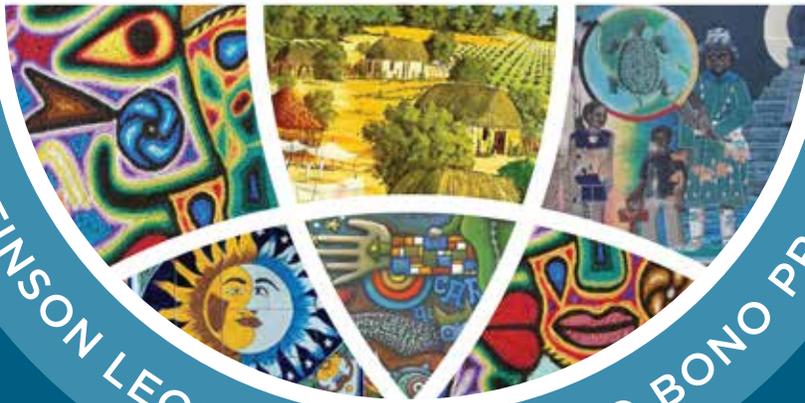


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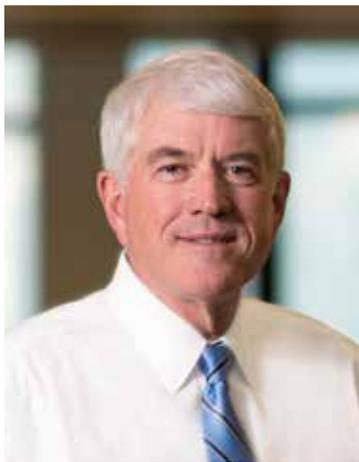
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**Our commitment to pro bono is not pro forma. It is at the heart of our firm's identity. As a signatory to the Pro Bono Institute's Law Firm Pro Bono Challenge®, Stinson Leonard Street pledges to donate 3 percent of total billable hours to pro bono every year.**



This numeric pledge (which we exceeded again in 2017) is significant, but for us is not the goal line. It is simply a starting point. It also does not measure the quality and reach of our efforts. It is not about recording pro bono hours; it is about serving pro bono clients with the same dedication we serve all clients.

Last year, attorneys from every practice division, every industry group and every office at the firm participated in pro bono. We were pleased to learn that the firm was ranked #68 in the AmLaw 200 standings for its pro bono work, with more than half of our attorneys donating 20 or more hours to pro bono, and attorneys, on average, donating almost 50 hours per year. All of our associates participated in pro bono, often on multiple matters, affording the opportunity to give back to the communities in which we live and work, while gaining valuable experience.

While our litigation practices are always actively involved in pro bono, our transactional practices have likewise engaged to contribute in substantial ways. We're particularly proud of our community economic development work

that continues to expand (see page 5). Our Deindard Legal Clinic, one of the first medical legal partnerships in the nation and now in its twenty-fourth year of operation, continues to serve individual clients who hail from countries around the world and who now live in Minneapolis. Our 13 offices have partnered with local organizations to deliver hope to low-income individuals, veterans, immigrants, children, trafficking victims and many others (see page 7). The firm also prioritizes work to further human rights in the United States and across the globe. In 2017, the firm donated more than 2,000 hours to 32 legal matters in partnership with The Advocates for Human Rights (see page 8).

During the 2017 ABA National Pro Bono Celebration, we took time to reflect on the good work of the firm's many pro bono volunteers, while not overlooking the work that is left to be done to close the justice gap for all members of our communities. Thank you for taking a moment to learn about the ways Stinson commits to carrying out the ABA's goal: "Do Good. Do Justice. Do Pro Bono." We are doing great work, but we're just getting started!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Wade D. Hindboldy". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Managing Partner

# WHERE JUSTICE DELIVERS HOPE



Stinson has a historic and longstanding commitment to pro bono legal services. We believe that providing pro bono representation to low-income individuals, and the nonprofits that serve them, advances our profession and our communities.

23,959

Total Pro Bono Hours  
Donated in 2017

#68

2017 AmLaw 200  
Pro Bono Ranking

3.47%

of Billable Hours  
Donated to Pro Bono

## Stinson Pro Bono: Investing in Communities

For close to a decade, our Kansas City office has served as outside general counsel to the Marlborough Community Coalition, an organization representing five neighborhoods in Kansas City's urban core.

A similar partnership is being developed in Minneapolis, and we hope to expand the program in other cities soon. These innovative partnerships help reduce crime through the revitalization of a neighborhood's blighted and abandoned housing stock, encourage economic growth and advance high quality educational opportunities.

### Kansas City: Marlborough Neighborhood

Partners: Marlborough Community Coalition (MCC), Legal Aid of Western Missouri (LAWMO) and Stinson, led by *Jere Sellers* and *Rich Cook*, with support from *Brett Shanks*, *Judd Treeman*, *Ron Johnson*, *Kyle Ferden*, *Chris Frantze*, *Eric Mikkelson*, *Nate Van Emon*, *Nikki Marcotte*, *Brittany Barrientos*, *Jennifer Kim*, *Matt Brincks*, *Stewart Stein* and *Cheri Diaz*.

For more than nine years, our attorneys have provided 3,195 hours of pro bono representation to the MCC and individual residents of the Marlborough neighborhood, at a value of \$997,633 in legal services. And the firm's work in Marlborough is growing; in 2017 alone, we donated nearly 1,000 pro bono hours to the MCC and neighborhood residents.

Following the success of the Marlborough partnership, the Legal Services Corporation provided funding for LAWMO to replicate the project in seven other Kansas City neighborhoods with other law firms.

### Marlborough Award

*Jere Sellers* received the 2017 Marlborough Award, which is given to an attorney who has devoted substantial time and effort to legal work for the



MCC and residents of the Marlborough neighborhood. Jere handles or supervises the majority of the litigation matters referred to the firm by the MCC—primarily Abandoned Housing Act matters—and serves as the “face” of the firm to the neighborhood through attendance at the MCC's monthly executive committee and board meetings.

### Involvement from Day One

In their first few weeks at the firm, new summer associates are taken on a tour of the Marlborough neighborhood, followed by a service project. Pictured here, 2017 summer associates and Pro Bono Manager *Katie Cronin* gather with Brenda Thomas, president of the Marlborough Community Coalition, in front of a neighborhood mural.



# Stinson Pro Bono: Investing in Communities

## Debut of Marlborough Catalyst Center

On August 22, 2017, our attorneys attended a ribbon-cutting for a new office space for the Marlborough Community Coalition. The Catalyst Center is named for the Catalyst Plan that was designed to prioritize revitalization activities to create a vibrant, healthy and sustainable Marlborough. Attorney *Rich Cook* helped review the lease for the new space.



*Ribbon-cutting with council members and neighborhood leaders.*

## A Marlborough Success Story—One House at a Time

Attorneys *Brett Shanks* and *Rich Cook* filed an Abandoned Housing Act case resulting in a property owner donating a home to the Marlborough Community Coalition. Brett then drafted a Deed of Trust that allowed the coalition to ensure that the rehabber would do a complete overhaul of the property prior to sale. LAWMO now uses the deed as a template in other cases where they have negotiated a property donation.



## Minneapolis: Near North and Willard-Hay Neighborhoods

**Partners:** Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance (MMLA), Northside Residents Redevelopment Council (NRRC) and Stinson, led by *Eric Galatz* with support from *Adam Maier, Christine Eid, Dan Oberdorfer, Nick Lyden, Iain Johnson, David Kelley, Emma Maddy, Matt Tews, Janette Aalbers, David Dobmeyer* and *David Kantor*.

Building on Kansas City's Marlborough neighborhood partnership, our Minneapolis

office entered into a similar arrangement with MMLA and NRRC. Our attorneys provide legal counsel to NRRC on a variety of issues, including a review of its loan portfolio, counseling on business and home rehabilitation services for neighborhood residents, advice on becoming a designated historical neighborhood and contributing to Minneapolis's 2040 planning document.

We also worked on matters for small business owners in North Minneapolis. We are currently advising a new nonprofit grocery store on employment practices, working to address food deserts and rewriting a city ordinance that, if passed, would be advantageous to nonprofit business developers.



*Left to right: Joshua Ladd, Community Redevelopment Staff Attorney, MMLA ; Christine Eid, Partner, Stinson; Eric Galatz, Partner, Stinson; Martine Smaller, Executive Director, NRRC; Greg Marita, Deputy Director, MMLA; Theresa Hughes, Pro Bono Director, Stinson*

## Stinson Pro Bono: Investing in Communities

In addition to our neighborhood partnerships, we are involved with a number of other nonprofits that aid in community economic development.

**LegalCORPS**—More than 20 attorneys in our Mankato, Minneapolis and St. Cloud offices participated in monthly clinics at six different locations for LegalCORPS, a Minnesota nonprofit organization that expands access to the legal system by providing legal assistance in transactional matters to low-income entrepreneurs, entrepreneurs of color and small nonprofits throughout the state.

**United States Patent and Trademark Office Patent Pro Bono Program**—Intellectual Property and Technology attorneys *David Kim, Judy Carlson, James Cronin, Jeannie Boettler, Colin Turner* and *Steve Kazmierski* donated 317 hours of patent pro bono to low-income inventors in the midwest.

**Volunteer Lawyers and Accountants for the Arts**—Attorneys across the firm provide legal advice that helps our cultural organizations and artists thrive.

**The firm hosted “Pro Bono Ethics for In-House Counsel,”** a CLE event for the Mid-America Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel, to help lay the groundwork for corporate pro bono in the Kansas City area. Our CLE speakers included Eve Runyon, the president of the Pro Bono Institute, and *Mark Iba*, Stinson partner and firm counsel. Our panel, pictured below, featured attorneys experienced in transactional pro bono, including firm attorneys *Charley Jensen* and *Chelsea Templeton*, Jamie Randall of Deere & Company, Dwight Arn of Hallmark Cards, Inc. and Jennifer McAdam of NAIC.



### In our St. Louis office:

- TinySuperheroes is a St. Louis-based nonprofit that sends superhero capes to children battling cancer and other diagnoses. Attorneys *Jenna Huenegeer, Samir Mehta* and *Nathan Shelton* have advised TinySuperheroes on general corporate and intellectual property matters.



- We partner with Legal Services of Eastern Missouri’s Community Economic Development Program, which pairs pro bono counsel with entrepreneurs who are starting or expanding small businesses that provide a benefit to the community or nonprofit entities that promote community development to benefit low-income individuals.

### In our Denver office:

- Attorneys regularly participate in the Colorado Lawyers’ Committee and Association of Corporate Counsel-Colorado Chapter’s nonprofit legal audit clinic. This half-day clinic is held twice yearly to support small nonprofits with limited operating budgets. We also contribute to the Colorado Attorneys For The Arts (CAFTA) program, which connects qualified artists, cultural nonprofits and for-profit creative entities to volunteer attorneys willing to assist on arts-related legal matters. Intellectual Property associate *Donna Gonzales*, was recently featured in the *Denver Business Journal* for her work through the CAFTA program.
- Our litigators participate in the U.S. District Court Pro Bono Panel handling civil rights and prisoner rights cases on an appointment basis.

## Stinson Pro Bono: Investing in People

Located at the Community-University Health Care Center (CUHCC), the **Deinard Legal Clinic** is one of the longest-running medical-legal partnerships in the country.

The Deinard Legal Clinic opened its doors in November 1993 in the economically distressed Phillips neighborhood of south Minneapolis.

Since then, we have counseled more than 3,000 clinic patients and their families from 56 countries, donating close to 120,000 hours of legal services valued at more

than \$25 million. In 2017, 111 firm attorneys, paralegals and others donated time to a Deinard Legal Clinic case. The clinic is the single

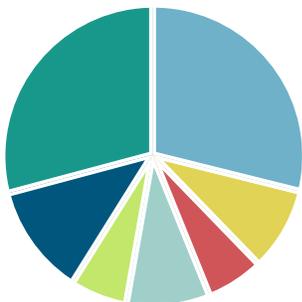
largest pro bono endeavor of the firm and the only medical-legal partnership in the nation operated by a private law firm.



*Mural on wall of the Community-University Health Care Center.*

### Deinard Legal Clinic by the Numbers

These pie charts represent the breakdown of types of cases, client culture/race and case resolutions for clinic matters in 2017.



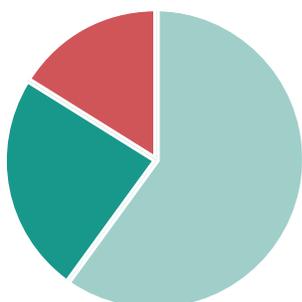
#### Client Case Type

- Immigration 29%
- Family 29%
- Expungement 12%
- Consumer 6%
- Guardianship/Estate Planning 9%
- SSI-Public Benefits 6%
- Other 9%



#### Client Culture/Race

- Somali 27%
- African-American 15%
- Asian 11%
- Caucasian 9%
- Hispanic 23%
- Native American 6%
- Other 9%



#### Type of Legal Services Provided

- Full representation on matters carried over from 2015 and 2016 - 60%
- Advice brief service, and referral - 24%
- Full representation started in 2017 - 16%

### Deinard Legal Clinic Award

*Eric Galatz* received the 2017 Deinard Legal Clinic Award, which is given to the attorney



who has devoted substantial time and effort to the clients of the clinic. Eric has been a

dedicated pro bono participant since he joined the firm in 1991. Over the last few years, Eric has assisted a Somali man in becoming a U.S. citizen, a Somali woman with a criminal record expungement, a Southeast Asian client in the divorce process and a Vietnamese client on a family reunification matter.

# Stinson Pro Bono: Investing in People

## Upper Midwest Healthcare Legal Partnership Learning Collaborative

Formed in 2014 as an outgrowth of the Deinard Legal Clinic, the Upper Midwest Healthcare Legal Partnership Learning Collaborative is supported by the firm's Director of Pro Bono, *Theresa Hughes*, who serves on the collaborative's steering committee.

In the last four years, 17 new medical-legal partnerships (MLP) have been founded in Minnesota and North Dakota. Two of these partnerships were launched through the Equal Justice Fellowship Program and funded by Stinson and the family of Hyman Edelman. These MLPs serve a broad range of clients/patients, from individuals living in large urban centers like the Twin Cities to patients from migrant communities to Native American populations in the northern region of Minnesota.

*In addition to our Deinard Legal Clinic work, attorneys across the firm provide representation to low-income individuals and the non-profits that serve them.*

## Missouri Coalition for the Right to Counsel

The Missouri Coalition for the Right to Counsel trains volunteer attorneys to receive case assignments from the overburdened Missouri State Public Defender system. Volunteers gain jury trial experience in the state

circuit courts while providing high-quality representation to indigent defendants and helping to relieve some of the pressure on the public defender system. *Marc Goldstein* and *Rob Harry* in St. Louis and *Russ Keller* and *Erin Naeger* in Kansas City participated in this worthy program.

## Protecting Individual Rights in Arizona

Partners in the Phoenix office participated in the Federal Court Self-Service Clinic as well as the district court's pro bono mediation program. Associates and partners engage in ACLU pro bono matters involving civil rights, free speech and immigration rights.

## Helping Children and People with Disabilities

*Frank Basgall* created a path for guardianship referrals to our Wichita office from Saint Francis Community Services, an organization dedicated to children and families in crisis.

Tax, Trusts and Estates Partner *Jennifer Stultz* is participating in the ARC Guardianship Assistance Program, which provides guardianship referrals from The Arc of Sedgwick County, an organization that serves individuals and families living with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

## Bringing Fresh Produce to Kansas City's Food Deserts

*Bob Monroe*, *Charley Jensen* and *JR Montgomery* teamed up to obtain 501(c)(3) status for Kanbe's Markets. The markets' mission is to provide access to fresh, healthy and affordable food in food deserts in Kansas City, Missouri. Through collaborations with existing corner stores, Kanbe's Markets also seeks to create a community environment focused on access to healthy food.



## Helping to Provide Comfort to Children Battling Cancer

*Bob Kmiecik* helped Strands from the Heart obtain 501(c)(3) status. The organization collects hair and makes wigs for cancer patients who have lost their hair due to chemotherapy or other causes. African-American children in Nebraska are the primary recipients of the wigs, which are given away for free.

### A Deinard Clinic Success Story—A Family Together Again

Over the course of seven years, *David Jenson* helped his Somali client through a maze of immigration challenges in order to bring her sick, elderly husband, then in Yemen, to the U.S. Due to political instability in Yemen, her husband's immigration interview was never scheduled, and it took relentless pressure on behalf of the legal team to secure the interview, medical exams and final clearance of the file. In 2017, our client was finally reunited with her husband—and their children with their father—on U.S. soil, the first time the entire family had been together since 2008.



## Stinson Pro Bono: Investing in Human Rights

Stinson is committed to the protection of human rights in the U.S. and around the world. Partnering with a number of organizations, we have directed almost 4,000 pro bono hours to immigration and human rights matters.

### The Advocates for Human Rights

Year after year, we expand our partnership with The Advocates for Human Rights. The mission of this nonpartisan, nonprofit organization is to implement international human rights standards to promote civil society and reinforce the rule of law.

- We donated more than 2,000 hours of attorney and paralegal time on 32 legal matters referred by The Advocates in 2017. We worked on asylum and human trafficking matters, policy papers and research memos that were presented as supplemental background research to the United Nations and others, and a number of white papers.
- Through a communication to the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, a team of firm attorneys are collaborating with The Advocates to stop the violent treatment of students in the Oromia region of Ethiopia who have protested for the right to an education.
- *Olga Andreyeva* is leading a team of four attorneys to provide immigration relief to agricultural workers in Minnesota who were survivors of labor trafficking.

### Tahirih Justice Center

Our Washington, DC, office partnered with the Tahirih Justice Center, a nonprofit that works to obtain legal and social justice for women and girls who are survivors of gender-based violence. Volunteer attorneys received training on how to represent victims of crimes and human rights abuses through the U visa and asylum process. Attorneys *Josh Cox, Brandon Nagy, Lisa Harig, Jonathan Schneider, Guy Smith,*

*Marcia Stanford* and *Denyse Zosa* donated more than 300 hours representing survivors of human rights abuses.

### Other Case Highlights

- Amici briefs to support Iraqi Chaldean Christians—We filed amici briefs in support of motions to reenter immigration cases on behalf of more than 100 Iraqis who are facing deportation, torture and death if repatriated to their country of origin. Many of the immigrants are Chaldean Christians who would face persecution for their religious beliefs. *Harvey Reiter* supervised the multi-office attorney and paralegal team of *Tristan Brown, Nicci Warr, Dianna Rodenberg, Anne Slawson, Leisa Stevens, Erin Naeger* and *Aaron Friess*.
- *Liz Chatham* serves as a board member for the nonprofit Arizona South Asians for Safe Families, an organization whose mission is to provide culturally appropriate support services and to raise awareness of the issue of domestic violence in the South Asian community. Liz recently helped one of the organization's domestic violence clients apply for a new kind of work permit available to spouses of visa holders. The work permit appeared to be the first of its kind issued in the U.S.!

- *Bob Monroe, George Sand* and *Christina Arnone* helped local nonprofit KC for Refugees obtain 501(c)(3) status. The organization provides Greater Kansas City's diverse community and organizations a platform to welcome local refugee families through a core mission of education, connection, support and collaboration.
- Immigration Relief for Survivors of Human Trafficking
  - Working with Legal Aid of Western Missouri, Kansas City attorneys *Sam Butler* and *Karl Phares* have donated more than 200 hours of pro bono work in support of immigration relief for survivors of labor trafficking in the roofing industry.
  - Attorneys *Bryce Langford* and *Winston Wang* helped a survivor of sex trafficking obtain legal permanent residence for herself and her minor child. With legal employment authorization, the client's risk of re-exploitation decreases dramatically, and she and her son will someday be eligible to naturalize to become American citizens.



# Recognition and Honors

## 2017 Spirit of Justice Award

*Marc Goldstein* was awarded the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis' (BAMSL's) Spirit of



Justice Award, a prestigious honor created to recognize lawyers, non-lawyers or organizations

who have demonstrated accomplishment, leadership and integrity in fostering and maintaining the rule of law and in facilitating and promoting improvement of the administration of justice.

Also a member of both the firm's Pro Bono Committee and the BAMSL Pro Bono Committee, Marc devotes significant time to pro bono work. He has been a driving force behind a multiyear impact litigation matter before the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights; he provides representation to a number of local nonprofits on bylaws and labor and employment matters; and he represents clients through the Missouri Coalition for the Right to Counsel's volunteer public defender program.

Marc's commitment to pro bono is driven by "a belief that everyone deserves quality representation and access to justice regardless of their socioeconomic status."

## Local Bar Associations' Volunteers of the Month

*Ashley Dillon* and *Marc Goldstein* were both recognized as pro bono volunteer attorneys of the



month by their respective local bar associations. Ashley was nominated by the

Hon. S. Margene Burnett for her persistence in a debt collection matter referred to the firm by the Volunteer Attorney Project at Legal Aid of Western Missouri. Marc was nominated by Patti Hageman, Director of the Volunteer Lawyers Program at Legal Services of Eastern Missouri and one of the co-chairs for the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis Pro Bono Committee.

## Stinson Pro Bono Award Winners Pro Bono Impact Award

*Eric Mikkelsen* received the 2017 Pro Bono Impact Award, given to a timekeeper who



has devoted substantial time and effort to a large matter for a single client, multiple clients,

or a matter involving public policy or community improvement. Over the last several years, Eric has invested significant time toward the creation of innovative funding streams to allow for the rehabilitation of blighted and abandoned housing in the urban core.

## Pro Bono Service Award

This award is given to attorneys and paralegals who have devoted substantial time and effort to more than one case involving "everyday" legal services for those in need.

*Marcia Stanford*—who donated more than 300 hours on social security disability and family law



cases referred by the DC Bar Advocacy and Justice Clinic, an asylum case referred by the Tahirih Justice Center and a research matter for The Advocates of Human Rights.

*Javier Torres*—who donated more than 100 hours to three



different pro bono matters, including a family law matter venued on the Navajo Nation's reservation.

## Pro Bono Honor Roll

74 Minnesota-licensed attorneys were named North Star Lawyers for contributing 50 hours or more to pro bono legal services in 2017.

68 Missouri-licensed attorneys were named to the Missouri Bar's Pro Bono Wall of Fame for contributing 40 hours or more to pro bono legal services in 2017.

Our Washington, DC, office again earned Gold Standard Participant status from the DC Bar's Advocacy and Justice Clinic, and 11 attorneys were named to the Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll for donating 50 or more hours to pro bono in 2017.



# Our 2017 Pro Bono Partners

## **Firmwide**

The Advocates for Human Rights  
American Civil Liberties Union  
Brennan Center for Justice  
Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

## **Denver**

Colorado Lawyers' Committee  
Colorado Attorneys For The Art (CAFTA)

## **Minnesota**

Children's Law Center of Minnesota  
Community-University Health Care Center  
Federal Bar Association's Pro Se Project  
Immigration Law Center of Minnesota  
LegalCORPS  
Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance  
Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans  
Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services  
Upper Midwest Healthcare Legal Partnership Learning Collaborative  
Volunteer Lawyers Network

## **Missouri**

Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Foundation Military Matters  
KU School of Law Medical-Legal Partnership  
Legal Aid of Western Missouri  
Legal Services of Eastern Missouri  
Midwest Innocence Project  
Missouri Coalition for the Right to Counsel  
MU Veteran's Clinic and the National Law School Veterans Clinic Consortium  
United States Patent and Trademark Office's Patent Pro Bono Program  
Volunteer Lawyers and Accountants for the Arts

## **Omaha**

Nebraska Appleseed  
Strands from the Heart

## **Phoenix**

Community Legal Services, Inc.  
Federal Court Self-Service Clinic

## **Washington, DC**

ABA Survivor Reentry Project  
DC Bar Advocacy and Justice Center  
Tahirih Justice Center

## **Wichita**

The Arc of Sedgwick County  
Kansas Legal Services  
Passageways, Ltd.  
Saint Francis Community Services

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